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TALKING POINTS FOR SIG (SPACE)

-- The NRO strongly recommends support of Option 3. Feels Option 1 premature and has a risk associated with projected costs and competition for scarce funds.

-- CIA supports Option 3 noting the competition for resources by other priority programs. Option 3 buys time desperately needed to make the national space strategy come together as an integrated whole and avoids commitment of scarce resources before competition claims on those resources are better understood.

-- NSA feels a prudent approach is Option 3, that there is insufficient data related to costs, alternative funding sources and the impact of such funding on critical national security programs to permit a go-ahead at this time.



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-- Navy recommends Option 3, noting the absence of identifiable requirements by the national security community as well as the feeling that it is premature to commit to such a major effort without fully understanding resource implications and impact on national security needs.

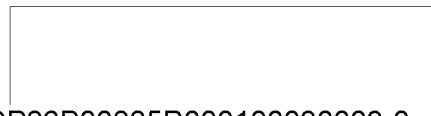
-- State ~~and~~ INR prefer Option 3 from an intelligence standpoint.

DIA

-- DCI recommends Option 3.

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